

Instead, we must employ the full arsenal of America's smart power assets—diplomacy, economic sanctions—to persuade North Korea that it is in its self-interest to turn away from the dangerous path it is traveling.

The United States does not harbor hostile intentions toward North Korea and is seeking to overthrow the regime in Pyongyang.

Mr. Speaker, direct diplomatic engagement with North Korea represents America's best option and holds the promise of a favorable and peaceful outcome, just as was achieved with the JCPOA and the 1994 Agreed Framework reached with North Korea that stopped North Korea's nuclear weapons program for nine years.

On July 16, 1945, after witnessing the first test of the atomic bomb in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project, remembered the line from the Hindu scripture, the Bhagavad-Gita: "Now, I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

Mr. Speaker, for more than 70 years the international community, led by the most indispensable of nations, the United States, has kept the nuclear genie in the bottle.

We have been successful to date in no small part due to the thoughtful, persistent, judicious, restrained application of American power by responsible, sober, determined, informed Presidents of the United States, from Harry Truman through Barack Obama.

When he took the oath of office on January 20, 2017, that torch, and the burden of leadership, was passed to Donald Trump and all Americans are anxiously hoping and praying he can restrain his impulses and rise to the occasion.

CONGRATULATING THE WASHINGTON BLUE JAYS SCHOLAR BOWL TEAM

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in con-

gratulating the Washington Blue Jays Scholar Bowl Team for their first place win in the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Scholar Bowl State Championship.

This team and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Washington Blue Jays Scholar Bowl team for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP FARMER'S MARKET

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the organizers and vendors of the Pittsfield Charter Township Farmers Market. For the past five years, the market has provided a forum for the community to come together and offered a wide variety of goods from local producers.

Originally founded in 2012, the Pittsfield Farmer's Market serves the community at large by offering locally produced goods to residents of Pittsfield Charter Township and surrounding areas. Several dozen vendors, all based less than 40 miles away from the market, gather each week on Thursday to offer a variety of goods, including local produce, artisan bread and baked goods, honey, fresh pasta and pasture-raised meats. The vendors are vetted to ensure a wide range of goods are served and to further Pittsfield's commitment to supporting local Michigan growers while providing access to healthy and natural foods. The market also hosts free events each week like live music performances, tips from a certified Master Gardener and public safety demonstrations. These activities, along with the wide variety of vendor offerings, have established the market as a key pillar in the

southeast Michigan community, with over 8,000 guests visiting these attractions in 2016.

The Pittsfield Farmer's Market's growth and development has helped engage the community while supporting local businesses. The success of the market has empowered Michigan growers while providing high-quality produce and goods to visitors, and the gathering space in nearby Prairie Park has served as an important forum for events and presentations hosted by the market participants. Collectively, these have helped create a strong sense of community while engaging and educating visitors. The growth and development over the last five years underscores the value of the services that the market provides, and it is my hope that the market continues to experience success while effectively serving nearby residents in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Pittsfield Farmer's Market on the fifth anniversary of its founding. The market has been a tremendous success through its offering of local products and promotion of community interaction.

CONGRATULATING LAUREN GERLEMANN OF THE NEW HAVEN SHAMROCKS

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lauren Gerlemann of the New Haven Shamrocks for her first place win in the long jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Lauren and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Lauren Gerlemann on a job well done.